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APPLICATION OF: Buckbinder et al.  
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TITLE: ADAMTS POLYPEPTIDES, NUCLEIC              1  
ACIDS ENCODING THEM, AND USES THEREOF

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

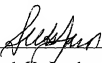
Page 1, after the title, add:

--This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. application serial no. 09/808,208, filed March 14, 2001, which application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of U.S. application serial no. 60/191,382, filed March 22, 2000, both of which applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein.--

Respectfully submitted,

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